



ATTACHMENT A REMARKS

In the most recent Office Action it is stated that the "reply filed on 10/8/2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has not properly elected the species."

Although applicant does not necessarily agree with the position taken in the Office Action, new claims 16 and 17 have been added which replace claims 1 and 2 and claims 10 and 11, respectively. With respect to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects carbon nanotubes (activated carbon is no longer being claimed in these claims but will be covered in a divisional application), carbon black powder for the energetic material and palladium for the metal. It is respectfully submitted that claims 16 and 17 are generic because of the Markush groupings set forth therein.

Further and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

END REMARKS